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Hon. F. Pakenham,

Dear Mr. Pakenham,

The Provisional Council of the Anti-Partition of Ireland League have asked me to write to you in connection with a very promising engagement for a speaker on Partition which we have just secured. For some time we have been in touch with Mr. L.H. Branney of King's College, London, and he had promised to do his utmost to secure a public lecture on the question of Partition under the auspices of one of the College Societies. We have just heard from him and he states that all arrangements have been made for a public meeting on Partition under the auspices of "The Peace Council" on Tuesday March 14th. He asked us to secure a "crack" speaker for the meeting as he assured us that it was an epoch-making event in the life of King's College and would undoubtedly draw a very large audience. Moreover he felt positive that a speaker on the subject would receive a sympathetic hearing.

The meeting is fixed for 1.20 p.m. - a rather unusual time, but apparently these midday fixtures are an institution in the College and always draw a big audience. It is also customary to invite the speaker to lunch with the members of the Society before the meeting, at 12.45 p.m.

The Council would be very pleased if you could manage to speak at this meeting, provided, of course, that it is a free date for you. Mr. Branney was delighted when we suggested your name and though we feel rather guilty at pressing a fixture on you we hope that the date will not be inconvenient for you.

Hoping to hear favourably from you.

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Assistant Secretary